

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-37 are allowed. Key to allowance to these claims is the remarks of 09/10/2009. In particular the cited unexpected results when using the polymer in a thickened oil composition, and the arguments stating that acrylic copolymers made via controlled radical polymerization are fundamentally different than those made with free radical polymerization.
2. Regarding claims 1-37, a thickened oil composition that contains from 0.05 to 40% of a block copolymer, having at least one acrylic block, synthesized by controlled radical polymerization could not be found in the prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANK C. CAMPANELL whose telephone number is (571)270-3165. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-5.

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